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## GRAND OPENING

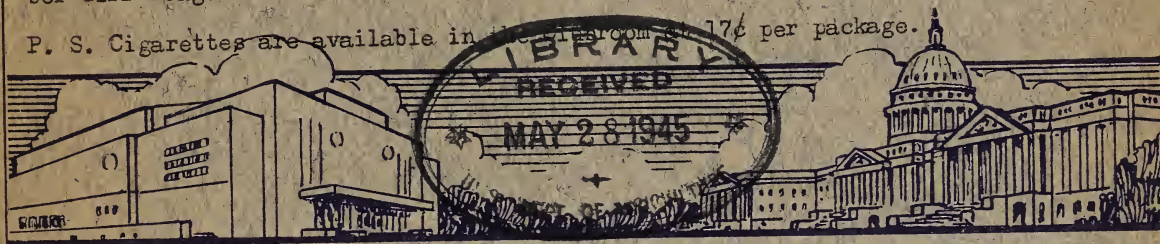
The Farm Credit Club opened its new Clubroom for inspection of employees at 11:30 on August 23. Visitors were treated to pastel walls in shades of blue and buff, side tables in blonde mahogany, soft rugs, becoming pictures, reading lamps, the popular magazines, daily and Sunday editions of the Washington Post, and blue, yellow, green, and rust chromium-finished lounge furniture. Also present were bridge tables, chess and checker sets, a dart game, and club trophies. The book-lending library is set off to advantage by its new surroundings.

The stamp of employee approval of this first-floor miracle shook the superstructure. Opening-day visitors made the following comments:

Kitty Donnelly: "I 'call' this no 'phony' - it's the real thing." Sam Weinberg: "I'm working an hour overtime after this. When the Annex shuts down at 4:30 I'm coming to the Auditorium to catch up on the Washington funnies." Tom Piper: "Just the colors I would have picked myself." Homer Smith: "First time I knew we had a club library." Jim Wilkinson: "I recommend membership in a game of Farm Credit Club bridge. Deal me in." Pat Ross: "The Clubroom? Didn't see it--was reading my book." Tom Pritchard: "I'm not staring at a blank wall, I'm looking for murals." John Smith: "It's fine." Gardner Walker: "And flowers by Nemanich makes it perfect."

After the opening had closed, membership salesman Francis Smith sold 3 memberships in the club. The following comment was made by Smith: "It's an ill expense that blows no income. It's evident that the Clubroom is going to snowball membership in the club to 110%. Why more than 100%? Some folks will join twice, that's why--Remember Giff Hoag."

P. S. Cigarettes are available in the Clubroom at 17¢ per package.





# Editorial Staff

Upon receipt of special Farm Credit Club membership fee of 50¢, the Grapevine will be mailed for 1 year to former employees of the FCA.

Editor	W. S. Harris
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Social Editor	Ann C. Buchanan
Photo Editor	Charles Ritter
Sports Editor	W. S. Hein
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## FREE MOTION PICTURES

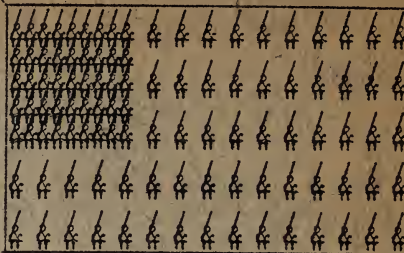
(Time: 12:15 and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays)

(New location - Room 1307D)

August 31 - **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED** - Portrays the "First All American Raid" which was made on the Ruhr Valley last August. **BOMBER** - The manufacture, speed, and power of the B-26 Army bomber. Commentary specially written by Carl Sandburg. "As a production it ranks with the finest documentary films ever made" - Hollywood Reporter.

September 7 - **SUBMARINES AT SEA** - Submarine operations at sea. **RING OF STEEL** - A tribute to the American soldiers who have protected our country from 1776 to 1943, forging a "ring of steel" around American democracy. - Narrated by Spencer Tracy. **SALVAGE** - The need for salvaging metals, rubber, and greases to be turned into materials of war. "You have hidden treasure in your home - more precious to your country than gold." - Narrated by Donald Nelson, Chairman, WPB. (MAF)

## FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



### New FCA Employees to Service:

Letchworth, Robert B. Foreman, Ronald H.  
 Brasfield, Karney A. Voiles, Florus L.  
 McJenkin, Johnson E. Bateman, James D.

TOTAL - 176

## News From Field And Camp



### LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Pvt. Harland B. Ball. (Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio) I am finally settled and working at the Air Service command here which, I understand, is the central administrative office of the Army Air Force, moved to this location from Washington, D. C., within the past year...The hours are from 8 to 5, no K.P. or work details other than the usual work around the barracks. Drill for 1 hour, 3 days a week. Incidentally, the change has not been too severe; civilian workers outnumber service men about 75 to 1. I am assigned to the analysis section of Statistical Control consisting of about 18 people. Best wishes to all.

James D. Bateman. S 2/c. (Brooklyn, New York) My sincere apologies for not writing sooner and thanking you for the very enjoyable copies of the Grapevine which have been reaching me regularly...I am



getting along very nicely in my work at the Maritime Base at Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn. It is indeed gratifying to be a member of such a fine organization as the Merchant Marines who surely have more than their share of unsung heroes. I am working in the office of the Brig. and see many unusual sights and events. My working schedule is such that I am able to be home 2 nights and gone 1 night because I work a 24 hour watch and then I am on liberty for 48 hours.

Capt. Neptune Fogelberg. (Chicago, Ill.) I wish to thank you at this late date for the thoughtful Christmas present...My work here as fiscal officer of the Chicago Medical Depot has been very interesting. Now I am being transferred back to Washington to the Office of the Surgeon General. Although I shall be very glad to go back home again and to see all my old friends, I shall regret leaving Chicago and the friends here. A few weeks ago we were pleased to see Lieutenant Colonel Omer Herrmann. John Scanlan also paid us a visit on his way through Chicago. It was a pleasure to see them both.

Pfc. R. L. Steffey. (Jefferson Barracks, Mo.) Here I am still in good old "JB," and I guess I will stay here for a while longer...I have been assigned to the personnel office of the 14th Wing, which is headquarters for several thousand men or rather cadets who are taking their basic training. I am in the insurance and allotment department. Instead of going to clerks school and then being sent to personnel office, they kept me and here I am...I think I told you that Al Mattern was here when I first came, but he was sent to Greeley, Colorado some 2 or 3 weeks ago...I saw Gilbert Lagergren from personnel files the other day, but haven't talked to him yet.

Lt. Leland C. Geiss. (Hondo, Texas) I am very glad to receive copies of the Grapevine. It certainly is good to hear from the old town. I have completed Bombardier

training and I am now going to Navigation School here. I received my wings and Commission on July 15, 1943.

S. B. DePree, SoM 3/c. (Key West, Florida) I have certainly enjoyed getting the copies of the Grapevine that you have sent to me. They have always managed to reach me eventually, even though I haven't been at the Lakes for about 5 months now. I came directly down here to Key West from there and have been going to school all the time except for a 4-week stay in the hospital. Right now, I'm assigned to the Staff as an Instructor. Boy, was I surprised when I learned of that! I was getting all set to leave, but I had to stay and watch all my buddies shove off for new surroundings.

#### HERMAN MERTENS EDITS "THE ALEUTIAN"

A recent letter from Herman Mertens, formerly Assistant Information Agent at Omaha and on the staff of the Information and Extension Division, central office for several months, describes the job of producing a 28 page magazine entitled "The Aleutian" under war time conditions in the Aleutian Islands.

He says: A half-tone expert, an artist, and I were flown from Kodiak to Adak, one of our westernmost Aleutian bases, to help put out the job. My assignment, it developed, was to help with the final editing and makeup, and generally engineer preparation of the issue for the press. We had the type set in a floating print shop, on shipboard; part of the process camera work was done there also, and part in a multilith shop on the beach. Part of the press work was done in the beach shop. Then we flew back here with the negatives and a fresh set of plates and finished the press run in a multilith shop which had been set up here (Dutch Harbor) in the meantime. All in all, it was quite an experience. A copy of "The Aleutian" is in the Farm Credit Clubroom, 1101-B.



# Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. What's this? Two sets of proud parents announce arrivals of newcomers, Freda and John Nordstrom a baby girl on August 20, and Mr. and Mrs. George Froelke a boy on August 21... Friends of Maxine Peterson and Joe McLeish were thrilled to learn of their engagement... Hester Water's sister Velle, from Muskogee, Oklahoma, has been a helpful visitor in the move to a new apartment... Margaret Ellefson enjoyed a visit from her mother and sister of Garretson, South Dakota... Returning travelers who report spending pleasant vacations are Charles Snyder at his home in Ottawa, Kansas; Clarice Andrews at her home in Howard, Kansas; and Zella Mize in Missouri, Wisconsin, and Illinois... Those lucky people still enjoying vacations are Geraldine Maguire at Tacoma, Washington, Mildred Farrow in Washington, D. C., William B. Holman and John Reed at their homes in Iowa, Beulah Watson here in Kansas City, and John Lytle fishing at the Lake of the Ozarks. Mr. Mills took along his camera to bring back proof of the catch. We shall see!

Chief Clerk's Office. Eleanor Park, Elsie Ferguson, and Elma Muller spent a most pleasant week end with Doris Eyth at her home in Topeka, Kansas.

Economic & Credit Research. Vacationists who have returned are Catherine Hegner and Frederick L. Newhouse... Lorine Waechter is at home recovering from a tonsillectomy.

EC & FL. Mr. and Mrs. Les Futrell entertained the secretaries of ECL with a lovely dinner party. Their newly decorated home was the envy of all who attended... A handsome captain enroute to

Wilmington surprised Fredda Grantham with a visit... L. D. Evans is on a field trip to Dallas and Houston... A. W. Walker has returned from a trip to St. Paul... After living in an apartment, Robert Everhart is happy in his move to a house with a yard... Recent visitors in the division were D. L. Beals of our Omaha office and J. R. Sheldon and J. H. Nelson of our St. Louis office.

Examination. We were surprised by a visit from Alice Donegan Warren from California... A lovely corsage of gladioli was given to Lillian Trunnell when she left the hospital last week to return to Washington with her sister... J. M. Willingham is having his troubles as a bachelor these days. Mrs. Willingham left in the early part of August for Yonkers to be with her daughter Lucia during an operation... Several friends surprised Dorothy Hagen with a delightful dinner party on her birthday... Vacationists who are remaining in K. C. and enjoying those unexpected cool days are H. P. Mousel and R. H. Gorrell.

FFMC. It is nice to see Virginia Jennings back after a 2 weeks' illness... Vacationists who are enjoying visits with families are Irene Rowley at Wichita and Eileen Stein in Indiana and Ohio... Jimmy Gibbs stayed in Kansas City for his vacation... Olive Gillette had the pleasure of a visit from her nephew, Lt. T. Gillette, on his way to his new post in Maryland.

Finance & Accounts. Wedding bells! The happy bride is Mrs. Mae Spangler Gregory... Luella Cogswell has returned from a pleasant vacation at her home near Chicago... Jean McRae has accepted a position with the Budget Bureau in Washington, D. C. A lovely luncheon was given Jean by the girls with whom she had worked... Rosalie Carleton is vacationing in the western part of Kansas and Lyle Young and wife in the southeastern part... Two girls have returned refreshed from



vacations spent at home, Mary Alene Foster in Nebraska and Marjorie Wiss here in Kansas City, and Nora Reynolds is presently vacationing here also...We are glad to have Maxine Osborne back after a 3 weeks' illness...Phyllis Taylor was delightfully surprised by a visit from her mother, father, and sister from Chicago...F&A has loaned another man to Uncle Sam. Frederick Howard received his call and is now at Leavenworth...Mary Gaynon and Betty Hooper were honorees at an informal dinner party given by the girls in Tabulating Unit at the Muehlebach Hotel. Mary is transferring to Washington and Betty is to be married soon.

General Files. North American Aviation has recently claimed Lee Orr, Cynthia Chapman, and Juanita Wells...Cordelia Bursell is enjoying a visit with her parents at Pitman, Nevada, before taking up her new duties with the Interior Department at Las Vegas, Nevada...It's "back to the farm" for Kenneth Pence who will spend some time working on his father's farm at Grand River, Iowa...We are glad to have back with us after several weeks' leave Ruth Anna Filby and Florence Humbargar...Two vacationists are visiting their parents; Zelma Dashner at Oklahoma City and Mary Morgan at Pittsburg, Kansas...Kathleen Thomas entertained two tables of bridge at her home.

Graphic. Tom Pritchard has returned from a 2 weeks' vacation which included an "extensive" tour of Swope Park, Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri... "Jinx," a girl weighing 7 lbs., 13 oz., was born Friday, August 13, to Mrs. Irene Sharp...Willis Vail's wife is doing her bit by replacing him in Duplicating... Vacationist Clinton Baltimore has returned from Wisconsin...Kurt Linde's sister-in-law from Mountain Lake, Minnesota, is visiting here.

Information & Extension. Girls enjoying vacations are Catherine Hardy at her home in Maryland and Marie Puhr in

Chicago, Cleveland, and Arkon...James L. Robinson is on a field trip in the Western States.

Land Bank. Small world! At Fort Custer, Michigan, Captain Ernest Diebel discovered Ralph Cole, formerly of our Appraisal Subdivision, in his adjoining barracks. Last week Captain Diebel was one of a group sent to Chicago to learn Japanese at the University during the next 3 months...Mary Louise Smith, with her mother, journeyed to Palm Beach to visit her ensign brother...Corporal Gertrude Grove writes that on a recent trip to San Diego she enjoyed a visit with Lt. and Mrs. Arthur Bayless...Virginia Lemmich is enjoying a real vacation in Colorado Springs with her mother...Other recent vacationists include Ross Pepper in Mississippi, Lewis Townsend in Kansas City, and Alice Arrow-smith down in Missouri...We have learned that Andrew Morrison has just made his fourth contribution to the blood bank. Congratulations, Andy!

Planning. Mrs. Mildred Jones is back at her desk after staying home with baby Alan.

Production Credit. Commissioner Arnold's son Robert, who recently graduated from Purdue University, is now attending officers' candidate school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma...The girls in the division were delightfully entertained by Chloe Fullerton at her home in Lenexa, Kansas...Gwendolyn Goode's visitor was her sister, Josephine Watts of Camden, Arkansas...Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Esgate and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Fankhouser have returned from a pleasant fishing trip at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Property & Supply. A pleasant vacation was spent by Jas. O. Mock with relatives at St. Joe and Jefferson City...Another vacationist is John Hubble...Air Cadet Kenneth Caldwell is receiving his advance training at Athens, Georgia...

We introduce our new typewriter repairman, Earl J. Jacobs...That letter Bob Letchworth received began with "Greetings" and so Bob's present address is Leavenworth...Tom Sullivan was made happy by a visit from his son who has now returned to his base in Idaho...You will note a badge of the Guard detail now being worn by Albert Hickman, former fireman for the main building...The "Prop and Sup" club is now a reality. Tom Sullivan is president and Fred Allen treasurer.

RACC of Washington. Charlene Richardson is enjoying a vacation in California... Good luck to Patricia Ann Thompson who resigned to make plans for entering nurse's training at Research Hospital... Ruth Hibbs is on detail in J. E. Halligan's section.

Solicitor's Office. We welcome Ethel Hoemann, our new stenographer in the office of J. E. Lee...Etha Townsend is vacationing at Chicago and at her home in St. Joseph...We hear that Margaret Porter is "having a wonderful time" at Rockaway Beach...E. Anthony is on a business trip to Denver...It is good to see Pauline Neider back after several days' illness.

Stenographic. That very frequent visitor, the stork, has arrived again. Eunice McArdle announces that the little blue bundle arriving on August 14 contained a baby boy...Gloria Hollis has resigned and is now at home in Salt Lake City...Winifred Metts is enjoying a week with her husband who is here on furlough... Lucky girls who have vacationed or are vacationing include Josephine Bishop at Chicago, Gladys Lytle at the Lake of the Ozarks (we await the big fish stories), Loraine Neugebauer at Dallas and Caddo Lake, Texas, and Jessie Maddux and LaVeta Dexter at Denver and Colorado Springs.

Telephone. Mary Travis sends greetings

from Washington via an ambassador...A note to Catherine Dornelly from our former chief operator introduced a co-worker who, vacationing in these parts, called to say hello.

Personnel. Mary Louise Balsiger has returned from a pleasant vacation spent in Chicago...Patricia Clark spent a most delightful vacation in Denver, Colorado. Those mountains! Mildred Peterson and Vivian Gustafson entertained with a surprise wedding shower for Mildred Turner at their home on Thursday evening, August 12. Was Miss Turner ever surprised! The groom-to-be is Ensign Bob Smith, now stationed in Jacksonville, Florida. They plan to be married sometime in September. Congratulations, Millie!...Cecil Johnson is vacationing with his family in Iowa...Bill Harris talked on reproduction of antique furniture at the August meeting of the Heart of America Hobby Association...Josephine Gerdes has returned from a pleasant family reunion in Omaha. The main visit to the family was that of Jo's brother, Lt. Bernhard Gerdes, now stationed in Boston, Massachusetts...Bob Coulter from the Farm Credit Administration of Omaha, is spending a few days in the central office...Congratulations to Mildred Boatright on the arrival of a 9 lb. 1 oz. baby boy, August 23...Carrietta Rech enjoyed boating and a breakfast at Lake Shawnee, Topeka, Kansas.

#### OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Nell Mellott, Y 3/c Spars, has been spending her leave at home in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania, where your reporter will meet her and both return to Washington for a little visiting before Nell returns to the grind...Catherine Hardy dropped in the Personnel Liaison office the other day to say hello...Among summer vacationists in the Washington office are Anna Erb and Reba Schlegel...Gib Randell, Stanley Smith and Cy Denman expect to come back from a short



vacation spent fishing (?) on the Bay with more than just the story of "the one that got away..." because Gib Randell has dug out his famous fishing necktie! Mr. Randell was guest speaker on the National Farm and Home Hour radio program on August 9...We have 3 new Red Cross blood donors: John Wann, A. W. McKay, and Donald Hirsch (all CR&S) while Larry Mann has made his second contribution. (We too have an Honor Roll!) We regret to have lost T. F. Murphy to the Procurement Division, Treasury Department - but we wish him success on his new job. Mary V. Healy has transferred to Food Distribution. CR&S welcomes two new members to the Division - Mildred Sundquist and Lula Swedell...Upon good authority - to quail any fears that dear old 1300 E Street isn't being utilized - there are over 2200 employees working there as of present date.

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#### DID YOU DO ANYTHING TODAY?

Did you do your share the American way?

Did you send a ship on a trip of prey?

Did you waste an hour of Victory time?

Did you spend for naught a precious dime?

Did you save some gas for the Army tanks?

Did you give some scrap for our fighting Yanks?

Did you lend Uncle Sam ten percent of your pay?

Did you do anything for Freedom today? (BHH)

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

#### FARM CREDIT CLUB ADOPTS A BRITISH CHILD

Farm Credit Club will soon be furnished with the name, description, and a photograph of a British child who was "adopted" at the meeting of the Board of Directors on August 21. "Adoption" involved a \$30 contribution to the child's maintenance. More than 12,000 children in war torn Britain, including French, Dutch, Belgian, and other nationals who found shelter in England, must remain in England and be cared for over there. The mothers of these children, after 3 years of war experience, have a difficult time. Sixty percent of the fathers are in the armed forces. The boys and girls range in age from 2 to 12.

Individual employees of Farm Credit who may desire to sponsor a child through the Save the Children Federation may obtain further information from the Executive Secretary of the Club.

#### NEW BOOKS

The following are new books which have recently been received in the Farm Credit Club library:

Equinox by Allan Seager

Give Us A Smile, Baby by Harry J. Coleman

Burma Surgeon by Gordon S. Seagrave, M.D.

Colour Scheme by Ngaio Marsh

The Spanish Lady by Maurice Walsh

The Free Man by Conrad Pichter

Starbuck by John Selby

Private Report by Katherine Roberts

Between Tears and Laughter by Lin Yutang

The Pink Umbrella by Frances Crane

The Windmill Circle by Jennings Rice



## VICTORY GARDEN SHOW

At the August 6 contest, Don Russell was awarded a \$2.00 prize for the best exhibit, Ross Silkett a \$1.00 prize for his tomatoes which were deemed the most outstanding item in the show, Ruby Jane Hall a \$1.00 prize for the best lima beans, and Esther Barnes a \$1.00 prize for the best peppers. Since the judges' awards are based on the number of merit points given to each contestant, Keith Scott and Irvin Dyke, split the remaining \$1.00 prize because of points awarded to them for second place peppers and lima beans respectively.

The Victory Garden Show held on August 18 brought out some new and interesting fall vegetables including pumpkins and a winter squash. This changing aspect of the crops exhibited is a big factor in maintaining continued interest in the produce contests.

Tomatoes were again the dominant vegetable, most of the contestants including a few of the red beauties in their exhibits. Several of the exhibits contained squash, pumpkins, and corn, while single items of various other vegetables were demonstrated.

Apparently working on the theory that "them as has, gets," all but one of the prize winners were repeaters. The produce exhibited by Esther Barnes dominated the contest, and she drew top honors for the best exhibit, the most outstanding single item in the contest (her Stowell's Evergreen corn), and the judge's ribbon for the best corn. Because of the rule limiting each contestant to one money prize, Miss Barnes was awarded the \$2.00 prize for the best exhibit, and Don Russell's Hubbard squash was awarded a \$1.00 prize since it was voted the second most outstanding single item shown. Judges' awards of \$1.00 each went to Gardner Walker (his name should be Gardener) for the best tomatoes,

Arthur Esgate for the best pumpkin, and Irvin Dyke for the best squash.

At the auction which followed the popular voting, Auctioneer Grover Cleveland again gave the patrons a first-class floor show for their money. Maybe Grover is slipping, however, because buyers no longer bid produce up above reasonable market prices. Grover claims the buyers have become cagey and are now outsmarting him.

The Victory Garden Committee plans to hold three more produce contests - on September 1, 15, and 29. Gardeners, jot these dates down on your calendars and bring in your produce so as to prevent old winners from hogging prizes at future shows. Incidentally, plans are being made to include exhibits of home canning in the September 29 finale. This will give persons who have had only enough vegetables for their own use a chance to get in on the fun. (ISD)

## NEW NUMBERS ACQUIRED BY RECORD LIBRARY

Recent acquisitions include an album of songs from "This Is The Army" and another album of favorite Strauss waltzes. These albums will be featured at the concert of recorded music in room 1307D on Thursday, September 2, at 12:15 p.m.

When next you visit the Clubroom, ask Miss Sandoval to show you the list of records in the library. Their variety and quality will surprise you. For example you can borrow Schubert's C major symphony with its six records of heavenly melodies for 5 days at the nominal charge of 20 cents. As the ad men say, give Schubert a trial.

Suggestions for the purchase of new records, both classical and popular, jazz and symphony, will be welcomed by the committee. Just drop them into the suggestion box in the Clubroom. (PLR)



KEEP YOUR VALUABLE PAPERS IN A SAFE PLACE

The Farm Credit Club Board of Directors is making available to Club members a safekeeping service. A large safe has been provided for this purpose and a bonded officer of the Club will serve as custodian. Documents such as war savings bonds, deeds, leases, insurance policies, and other personal papers will be accepted. Indicate below whether you wish to avail yourself of such a service. If you desire to deposit papers for safe keeping, you will be notified as soon as all arrangements have been completed.

To: Executive Secretary - Room 2330B

I desire to deposit papers in the Club safe:

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Name

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Room number

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Extension





EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER FROM  
BARBARA VAN HEULEN

...Summer school at Michigan State was fun and beneficial. I saw George Director, who used to be in the FCA mailroom, at the Union Building where he was taking an examination for officers' school. Each knew he had seen the other somewhere and finally hit on Farm Credit...I am working in Brooklyn for the Extension Department of Cornell; paid from the State War Fund out of which they have set up city food services...I live at 1 Montague Terrace, and the office is 3 blocks away. Montague Street dips down to the East River docks, but at the end of it, just 1/2 block from my front house door, is a sort of deck where everybody sits to sun and watch the river traffic. We can look across to New York City and see Governors Island, Ellis Island, Staten Island, etc...The Brooklyn Dodgers, both football and baseball, have their executive offices in my office building. I've primed the elevator men to tell me when a celebrity gets on the lift...Our offices open at 9, close at 5, and Saturdays off during the summer...My landlady is Violet Richardson Lowe whose father is T. C. Richardson of "Farm and Ranch" published in Dallas, Texas. About 2 weeks ago she had a story in Saturday Evening Post and a complete biography under "Keeping Posted"...Tell Vernon Vine that I hope he likes his office as well as I. Greetings to all my FCA friends.

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"You wrote a policy on a 92-year-old man," gasped the insurance branch manager.

"Sure," replied the new salesman. "Statistics show that very few men die after 92."

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Another healthy thing about breathing through your nose is that it helps you keep your mouth shut.

A HOME HUNTER GOES IN SEARCH  
OF HIS PREY

Your reporter has heard so much comment about the trouble employees have had in obtaining adequate housing that he has decided to look into the situation for himself. Accordingly, we picked up a telephone book, turned to "Real Estate," closed our eyes and dropped the pencil point on the name of Mr. J. Worthington Slotz.

We called him up, "I would like to rent a nice---."

"Sorry, I am on my lunch hour. You will have to call me back."

We waited for an hour and rang him up again. This time a girl answered the phone. "Sorry, Mr. Slotz always takes a nap after lunch. You won't be able to reach him until later. He can see you between 5 and 6 o'clock. But be prompt, he always quits at 6, says he owes it to his family."

We arrived at Mr. Slotz's office promptly at 5 o'clock and he greeted us cordially. "Hi ya, slug, what's on your mind?"

"I would like to look at a nice six-room house in a nice neighborhood. Money's no object, I will go as high as \$30 a month."

"Got just the thing for you."

He got into his car and we started to get in after him but he stopped us short with "Sorry, I am afraid you will have to ride in your own car. Takes extra gas and wears out the tires faster when you carry passengers, you know."

We followed him out Route 50 and he finally came to a stop at a somewhat dilapidated looking trailer camp. We got out and he escorted us to a trailer and said, "How do you like this?"

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## SILAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Five and one-half hours' pleasant ride from Kansas City on the Southern Belle (KC'S streamliner) takes a traveler to Silam Springs, Arkansas. Four and one-half miles south of there, on the Arkansas-Oklahoma border, is a delightful spot for a summer vacation. This place is called the "Lake Frances Resort."

Vacationists can roam on the 2,000-acre estate belonging to the Sloan family of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Fishing is a great sport in the Illinois River which runs through the estate. The channel catfish give a fisherman a good fight and, in my case, the fish triumphed. Swimming in the pool containing clear, cool spring water is very invigorating. Tennis, horseback riding, golf, and dancing are among the other sports enjoyed by the guests. Last, but not least, I must mention the delicious food - country ham, fried chicken, steaks, and homemade ice cream.

I found the people down there quite hospitable. A very hearty welcome was extended to all of the guests. The Sloan sisters, who are the hostesses, are real folks. This information may be of benefit to vacationists next year. The greatest benefit which I derived from this vacation was a good sun-tan without going to Florida. (AED)

## ON TO VICTORY

Entering the last lap of the Scrap Metal Drive, the 16 Farm Credit Club lieutenants, comprising units captained by Kaufmann and Simonds, have rolled up a total of 134,591 pounds in their area. Let's fill up those two scrap boxes at the entrances, so their contents may be included when we publish final figures at the close of the drive. On to Victory! (JDC)

## A HOME HUNTER GOES IN SEARCH OF HIS PREY

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We pointed out that this was not quite the sort of thing we had in mind - that we were talking about a six-room house.

"Have to take what you can get these days, you know. This is about the best I can offer."

It was obvious that we were not getting anywhere. Suddenly a thought struck him and he remembered that there were quarters available on the other side of town. A quick trip brought us to our destination which turned out to be an apartment house. Over our protest he took us upstairs and showed us a snappy two-room apartment with Murphy bed which bore every evidence of not having been occupied since John Smith opened up this country for settlement.

"How much?" we said.

It was fortunate that we were leaning against a wall when he replied, "\$85 a month, but you can be mighty comfortable here, mighty cozy place."

We pointed out a flaw, "Where are the radiators?"

"Oh, they have been turned over to the scrap metal drive but you won't miss them."

We were also upset by the lack of a bathtub. "Scrap metal drive?" we asked.

"Yeh," he replied, "but don't worry, there is a turkish bath just down the street."

We wandered around the apartment for awhile, rapidly strengthening our conclusions that the apartment should rent for about \$10 a month when suddenly we found

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## ODE TO S. R.

Hist! the Snooping Reporter's by your  
side--  
A hybrid of Sherlock Holmes and Mr.  
Hyde--  
He ferrets out stuff that Winchell dare  
not tell  
While skeletons give their closets the  
"fare-thee-well."  
Watch out for this guy  
With the sinister eye!

He's lurking around the corner of every  
room--  
He stalks your career from cradle unto  
tomb--  
The gossip Louella Parsons writes with  
verve  
To the Snooping Reporter is merely an  
hors d'oeuvre.  
He's an insolent knave  
So you'd better behave!

(DEW)

## SOOR GRAPES

What Grapevine was seen without a "Sour  
Grapes" column?

### IN MEMORIAM?

The "Sour Grapes" collum  
Made some people look  
sollum  
While others demand we  
repiteit

The Snoopin Reporta  
Has been ruled outa  
orda

But he says  
he aint sorry  
he diddit

While he spends time atonin  
Suppose you quit moanin  
And say whetha  
You wanta  
rebiddit.

## A HOME HUNTER GOES IN SEARCH OF HIS PREY

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that we were quite alone, Mr. Slotz hav-  
ing suddenly departed. A quick look at  
the watch cleared up the mystery, it was  
6 o'clock and our real estate friend had  
apparently become bored with his work.

## WAR SAVINGS BOND CONTEST

Three prizes of \$5, \$3, and \$2 have been  
offered for the three best answers in 50  
words or less on the following subject:

"Why I shall buy extra War Savings  
Bonds during the Third War Loan  
Drive in September."

Send your entries before the close of  
business on September 1 to Miss Dawson in  
room 1414. Judges of the contest will be  
J. B. Muller, Jr., Paul L. Rapp, and  
G. P. Walker. (PLR)

## MARIAM C. VANCE LEAVES FCA

Friends of Mariam C. Vance, former Librar-  
ian, will be interested to learn that she  
has accepted a position as librarian with  
the National Fertilizer Association under  
C. J. Brand former chief of BAE with whom  
Miss Vance worked years ago.

## ORGANIZATION NOTES

After a year of service, Samethea Roddy  
has resigned as the Grapevine's first  
Social Editor. The Grapevine accepts  
this resignation with regret at its loss,  
but with congratulations to Samethea for  
her fine work as editor. Ann C. Buchanan  
has consented to serve as the new Social  
Editor.

Inez Barber is the Grapevine's new Sol-  
diers' News Editor, taking the place of  
Virginia Jones.

## TECHNICOLOR CANNING FILM

Forty-eight persons saw the Victory Gar-  
den Committee's technicolor film entitled  
"Canning the Victory Garden Crop."



# Willy



## Dere Ma:

Well, Ma, Kansas City sure is a fassynatin plais. Right now they is digging a hoal out in front and they is burying a big concreat pipe in it. It is the biggest pipe I ever seen. A tall Indian could walk through it standing up straight without knocking off his head any farther down than his chest.

I sure could figger out a softer plais to dig to bury a pipe than a brick street if I was burying it, so I asked why they was burying it hear.

Well, Ma, the true facts behind the burying of the pipe is one of the most fassy-natin things I have ever run acrost. That pipe is to drane the water out of the Farm Credit Administration.

I ain't seen much water around here, Ma. I would bet just off hand, for instants, that they is fewer water drinkers hear than any plais this side of Dry Gulch.

But they tell me, Ma, that they really is water hear. Last winter the eggsamination division, for instants, was in water up to its ankels. When you got that much water in the eggsamination division aloan, it sure is going to take a big pipe to drane it off. It sure is fassynatin.

Yore loving son

Willy

P. S. Can you think of anything wurse, Ma, than being in water up to yore ankels and in red taip up to yore neck? Maybe

you better send me my barn boots. I may nead them yet.

SPORTLIGHT

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first match. They took Bill Moore and Elbert Smith over the hurdles for 5 points. Moore duplicated his score of last week by shooting another 78 while Smith improved a little by shooting 92, 3 strokes better than his last performance. Mason and Dellinger were consistent with 92 and 94, respectively. Watt and Mills' being out of town delayed the action of the Bark-Hein team. The combination of Gray-Burkett, nettled by rumors that they could not function efficiently elsewhere than Indian Hills, played Old Mission with a best ball of even par, 72, but were unable to collect more than 4 points against Fowler-Plott. The latter team played the first 6 holes in 1 under par, on one occasion offering a net 1 and a net 2 to be shot against. (This article was written by Harry Gray and edited by your correspondent) Howard and Light caught the Armacost-Guill team on an off-day and took all 6 points by a close margin. "Chief" Hume and understudy, Thompson, had a field day at the expense of two of their employees, Jacomet and Krause. The first 9 was even up to the 9th hole. However, the pair of 7's gathered by Thompson and Hume gave them the edge over Jacomet and Krause, who chalked up 8 apiece on this hole. The Ward-Holmes and Lockwood-Collins duo was fought to a draw with each team taking 3 points. Holmes had best score with 87.

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Visitor: "This isn't a dwarf. He's over five feet tall."

Showman: "That's the wonderful thing about him. He's the tallest dwarf in the world."



# Sportlight

## FCA GIRLS ENTER GOLF COMPETITION FIELD

For the first time the FCA women will add golf, a popular national pastime, to their many athletic activities. The Farm Credit Club will sponsor a golf team play starting August 29, 1943. This contest will consist of 16 players paired into 8 teams. There will be 2 divisions with 4 teams in each division. The winners of their respective divisions will play for the honor of having their name engraved on the Farm Credit Club's trophy donated for this purpose. Consolation prizes will also be distributed to the runner-ups. Watch this column for results, especially you men, as some of the scores made by the fair sex in this contest may cause embarrassment.

### THE MEN'S TEAM PLAY CONTINUES TO HUM ALONG

#### Week of August 15

Bill Moore's 78, coupled with Elbert's mediocre 95, enabled the Personnel boys to down the Bark-Hein team 4 points to 2. This match could have been much sadder for the F&A dubbers as Elbert froze to the putter on number 9 green and messed up a two-footer, which resulted in a gift of 2 points for their opponents. Mason and Dellinger, with 93 and 94 respectively, put Mills and his substitute partner, the "Skins Artist" Mehaffy, deeper in the cellar by taking all 6 points. Both boys' scores were over the century mark. The Mortgage Corporation combination, Fowler and Plott, finished 11-up on the first 9 and 6-up on the home stretch to

give Warburton and Spelman a terrific drubbing. Fowler gathered 9 pars for a nice 84, while Warburton's 87 consisted of 6 pars and 1 birdie. Ward and Holmes continued their fast pace in Division B. They gathered all 6 points from Krause and Jacomet, newcomers to the golf field. Holmes, with an 85, was low in this match. Thompson and Hume journeyed to St. Andrews, via street cars and busses, to meet Lockwood and Collins. This mode of transportation resulted in losing 4 points to the planners. The Armacost-Guill and Lindsey-Menk match has been postponed and will be played at a later date.

## FCA MEN'S GOLF TEAM PLAY

### TEAM STANDINGS AUGUST 28, 1943

<u>Team</u>	<u>Matches played</u>	<u>Points</u>		<u>%</u>
		<u>won</u>	<u>lost</u>	
DIVISION A				
Fowler-Plott	4	16	8	667
Gray-Burkett	3	12	6	667
Mason-Dellinger	3	11	7	611
Moore-Smith	4	13	11	542
Bark-Hein	2	6	6	500
Warburton-Spelman	3	8	10	444
Watt-Mills	3	0	18	000

### DIVISION B

Lindsey-Menk	2	12	0	1000
Ward-Holmes	4	19	5	792
Light-Howard	3	14	4	778
Thompson-Hume	4	13	11	542
Lockwood-Collins	3	7	11	389
Armacost-Guill	3	1	17	056
Krause-Jacomet	3	0	18	000

#### Week of August 22

Keith Dellinger and Harold Mason continue to climb, after their down-fall in the  
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LUCKY NUMBER--1101B

Has the morning been exacting?  
Did that letter go awry?  
Do you feel like taking down your hair  
And having a good cry?  
What you need is an hour in 1101B,  
And with Mademoiselle beside you--  
Go on a shopping spree.

Do your friends play bridge each evening  
While you curl up in a nook,  
And get your recreation  
With an apple and a book?  
Then come around at lunchtime to 1101B,  
And learn just how exciting  
A grand slam in hearts can be.

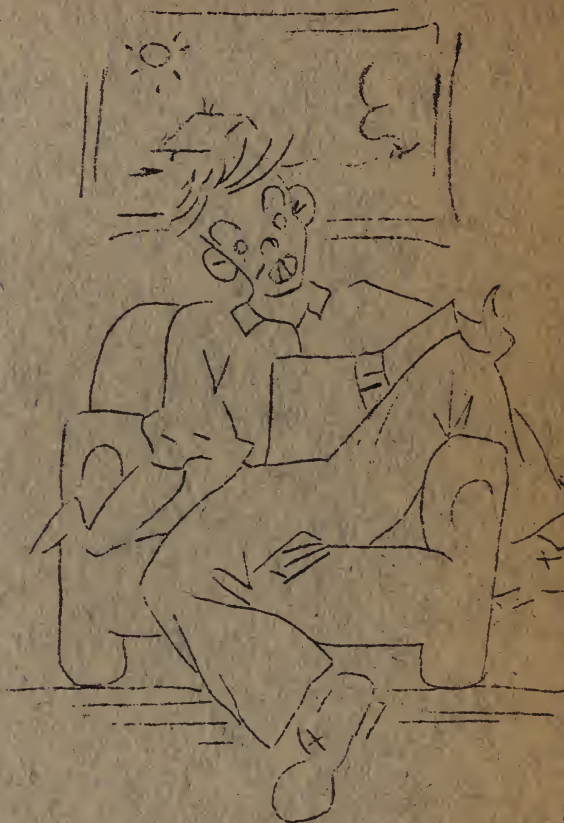
Are you just a little homesick  
For the Washington parade?  
Do you long to see again  
The scenes where history is made?  
Then hurry right on down, folks, to  
1101B,  
And just "read all about it"  
In the Post that's furnished free.

Are you tired of dingy restaurants  
Where you wait in line for hours?  
Do you stay inside at lunchtime  
Because it looks like showers?  
Then bring yourself a sandwich to 1101B,  
Where you'll meet the nicest people  
And enjoy the repartee.

In short, if you are weary  
And just "tired of it all"  
And the cares of life in general,  
And your work begins to pall,  
Then get yourself down quickly to 1101B,  
And you'll lose that tired feeling  
While you're counting 1-2-3.

Say, folks, just pick a number--  
Everybody wins--it's free!  
For you know the lucky number is 1101B.

(DEW)



"Ambition sure pays - I'm working over-time every day in the new Clubroom catching up on my reading and bridge."

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Native: Yas suh--that there's a genuine razorback hawg, suh.

Visitor: Why does he rub against that tree all the time?

Native: Jes' stroppin' hisself, suh; jes' stroppin' hisself.